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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 12 June 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.


Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The proposed amended title is accepted without objection.

Additionally, Applicant's comments regarding the reasons for allowance are acknowledged, with claim 11 being found allowable based on the limitations as provided within the claim.


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